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SUBJECT: LOUIS B. LUNDBORG

REF: STATE 181932

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU HAVE MR. LUNDBORG GET IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI AT THE IRANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH THROUGH THIS CHANNEL. HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE APPROACH WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. IF IT SHOULD NOT BE, PLEASE ADVISE ME AND I WILL SEE WHAT I CAN DO ON THIS END.

2. SINCE COMING HERE, I HAVE ADVISED ANY AMERICAN WHO DESIRES TO HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH TO ARRANGE IT THROUGH AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI. THIS WORKS MUCH BETTER FROM THE AMERICAN STANDPOINT SINCE IT OBVIATES THE NECESSITY FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEHRAN EITHER TO MAKE DISTINCTIONS AMONG IMPORTANT AMERICANS OR TO BE OBLIGED TO COMMEND SCORES OF VISITORS TO THE COURT. FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER, "SEEING THE SHAH" HAS, OVER THE YEARS, BECOME SOME SORT OF PRESTIGE SYMBOL OR TOURIST ATTRACTION, AND IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US HERE TO FEND OFF PERFECTLY DECENT AMERICANS WHO WANT TO HAVE THEIR AUDIENCE. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, I BELIEVE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I HAVE MADE THE SUGGESTION I DO IN PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE.

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